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### TWF Announces Partnership with ShipOnSite®

#### Murfreesboro Shipping & Auction Store Will Offer Discount to TWF Members



TWF has partnered with ShipOnSite®, an eBay, Office Service and Shipping Center serving Murfreesboro and the Middle Tennessee area. The store will offer a discount to TWF members when utilizing their services.

ShipOnSite® offers shipping services by DHL, FedEx, UPS and the United States Postal Service, and freighting services for larger items, allowing customers to easily price the most economical shipping options. Additionally, they offer an easy and convenient way to sell items on eBay with AuctionsOnSite. Customers simply drop their items off and receive a check in the mail when their items sell and ship.

TWF members will receive a 20% discount on shipping at the Murfreesboro store. Customers will be able to donate all or part of their savings back to TWF if they choose. Additionally, for items brought in for auction, TWF will receive almost 7% of the net profit, or a customer can donate the item outright to TWF for a tax-deduction. ShipOnSite® will forward the proceeds from the sale to TWF.

Proceeds from the partnership will go to support TWF programs such as Hunters for the Hungry, Great Outdoors University, the Tennessee Scholastic Clay Target Program, wild elk restoration, and many others.

ShipOnSite® is located in the Parkview South Business Center at 220 Barfield Crescent Road in Murfreesboro. TWF members should inform a sales associate of their membership upon arrival. For more information contact TWF at (615) 353-1133 or ShipOnSite® at (615) 890-6621.



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## Great Outdoors University Has a Busy Spring - Planning an Even Busier Summer

### First Ever GOU Summer Camp Planned for the Summer

GOU -Memphis has kicked into high gear with the warmer weather, including a weekend at Land Between the Lakes with Girls, Inc. in March and several day trips to Winchester Farms with BRIDGES and St. George's School over the last few weeks.

With activities including fishing, outdoor survival training, studying animal tracks and low ropes courses, inner city youth in Memphis are being introduced to the outdoors in meaningful and life-changing ways.



This summer GOU, along with partner BRIDGES, will host a summer camp for at-risk youth that will include three 5-day sessions. New outdoor activities are being introduced, including horseback riding, a farm study session, boating and biking. Additionally, the campers will participate in trail maintenance and tree planting at T.O. Fuller State Park.

GOU was featured on a recent episode of *Tennessee's Wildside*, as well as on WREG-TV Channel 3 in Memphis. Click [here](#) to see the *Tennessee's Wildside* Episode and [here](#) to see the Channel 3 Outdoors Episode.

GOU is a youth education program developed by TWF whose mission is to connect kids with the great outdoors. Participants are sourced from partnering organizations who include outdoor education in their mission to serve at-risk and underprivileged children and youth.



## TWF to Host Sportsmen's Leadership Summit at Tennessee Wildlife Extravaganza



### Affiliates Will Meet to Discuss State and Regional Wildlife, Hunting & Fishing Issues

TWF will host the first ever Sportsmen's Leadership Summit in July in conjunction with the Tennessee Wildlife Extravaganza



in Williamson County.

Leaders from hunting and fishing clubs from around the state will be invited to attend the summit on July 19 to establish common ground among hunters and anglers in Tennessee.

Representatives from TWF's affiliate clubs will break into groups by geographical regions to agree on local and regional agendas to present to the entire group, then hear and comment on statewide issues, such as the state Constitutional Amendment for the right to hunt and fish.

"Our goal with these meetings is to form regional coalition organizations to examine regional needs, and then to place them in context of the overall state picture," said Tom Scott, past President of TWF and program coordinator for the Camo+Casting Coalition. "There is much to be learned from working things from both a grassroots level, and also from the top down. We also hope to establish a statewide network to transfer information quickly and respond to issues."

For more information on how to participate, contact Tom Scott by email at [tmwscott@comcast.net](mailto:tmwscott@comcast.net).

## Campbell County Student Wins Tennessee Federal Junior Duck Stamp Contest

### Brandon Sharp of LaFollette Will Receive \$1,000 Scholarship

Campbell County High School senior Brandon Sharp of LaFollette won the overall 2008 Tennessee Federal Junior Duck Stamp art competition. The Best of Show award winner was of a pair of mallards.



TWF, along with TWRA and Bass Pro Shops are partners in the event sponsored by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

More than 400 individuals entered Tennessee's 14<sup>th</sup> Junior Duck Stamp Contest in four different age group categories. There were 11 other finalists for the Best of Show as a result of their first place award. First place winners included Kindergarten-Third Grade; Simeon Hinchman (Chattanooga), Juli-Cait Castellaw and Garrett Moore (both of Dyersburg), Fourth-Six Grade; Joanna Rush (Chattanooga), and Logan Rummells and Hailey McKee (both of Dyersburg), Seventh-Ninth Grade; Thomas Fawcett (Bolivar), Heather Calfee (Cookeville), and Callie Oldfield (Joelton), 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade; Alyssa Skillman (Chattanooga), and Brittany Hall (Dyersburg).

Ribbons, plaques, and other prizes will be presented to the top 100 winners at an awards ceremony at the Opryland Hotel in Nashville on May 3. Sharp will receive a \$1,000 scholarship, provided by known stamp collector, former Tennessee Wildlife Resources Commissioner and long-time supporter of the event, Mrs. Jeanette Rudy.

Sharp's winning artwork will move on to the national competition held at the San Diego Zoo in California to be judged on April 18 along with the winners from the other 50 states and District of Columbia. The winner of the national competition will be used as the design for the 2008-2009 Federal Junior Duck Stamp. The winner's artwork will travel throughout the country on display in galleries and wildlife museums for one year.

The Tennessee Wildlife Federation's Mission is to champion the conservation, sound management and enjoyment of Tennessee's wildlife and natural resources for current and future generations through stewardship, advocacy and education.

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